

SENATE BILL 33

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
(PRE-FILED)

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By: **Senator Haines**

Requested: October 22, 2009

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2010

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Right to Hunt, Fish, and Harvest Wild Game**

3 FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution that
4 establishes the right of every person to hunt, fish, or harvest wild game, subject
5 to certain laws; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the
6 State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

7 BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
8 Declaration of Rights
9 Article 48

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses
12 concurring), That it be proposed that the Maryland Constitution read as follows:

13 **Declaration of Rights**

14 **ARTICLE 48.**

15 **THAT EVERY PERSON SHALL HAVE A RIGHT TO HUNT, FISH, OR HARVEST**
16 **WILD GAME, SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS UNDER LAWS THAT**
17 **THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACTS.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly
19 determines that the amendment to the Maryland Constitution proposed by this Act
20 affects multiple jurisdictions and that the provisions of Article XIV, § 1 of the
21 Maryland Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments do not
22 apply.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section
2 proposed as an amendment to the Maryland Constitution shall be submitted to the
3 legal and qualified voters of this State at the next general election to be held in
4 November, 2010 for their adoption or rejection pursuant to Article XIV of the
5 Maryland Constitution. At that general election, the vote on this proposed amendment
6 to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the
7 words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional
8 Amendment," as now provided by law. Immediately after the election, all returns shall
9 be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as
10 directed by Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution, and further proceedings had in
11 accordance with Article XIV.